

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A portable information terminal comprising a first body, a second body, and a slide mechanism for coupling the two bodies so that the two bodies are slidable in a direction, wherein,

5       the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second body so as to take a first state where the second body overlaps the rear of the first body with a behind/front positional relationship, and a second state where the two bodies are moved away from each other in the direction,

10       the first body in the first state includes a portion not overlapped by the second body at one end in the direction, and a camera unit is provided in the portion not overlapped.

2. The portable information terminal according to claim 1,  
15       wherein,

      the first body and the second body are respectively formed so as to gradually become thicker in depth direction from one side to the other side along the direction, and thick parts and thin parts of the two bodies are respectively arranged in  
20       the behind/front positional relationship, and

      the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second body so that the thick part of the first body is movable toward the one side, and the thick part of the second body is movable toward the other side opposed to the one side.

3. A portable information terminal comprising a first body, a second body, and a slide mechanism for slidably coupling the two bodies, wherein,

each of the first body and the second body constitutes  
5 a thin and flat body where a dimension in height direction is larger than a dimension in depth direction, as well as the dimension in width direction is larger than the dimension in height direction, and the thin and flat body has an outer appearance that the dimension in the depth direction becomes  
10 gradually thinner from one end to the other end in the width direction,

the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second body so that an entire body is in both the first state where the two bodies are overlapped, and the second state where the  
15 two bodies are extended,

the first body and the second body respectively include portions not overlapped in the first state, at the positions where the dimensions in the depth direction become the thickest, and

20 the first body is provided with a camera unit in the portion not overlapped in the first state.

4. The portable information terminal according to claim 3, wherein,

25 the body is provided with an operation button of the camera

unit along the width direction.

5. The portable information terminal according to claim 3,  
wherein,

5       the first body comprises a first speaker section arranged  
at a position opposed to the camera unit, and a second speaker  
section arranged at a portion of the second body not overlapped  
in the first state.

10 6. The portable information terminal according to claim 5,  
wherein,

      the first body is provided with a display section and  
a function keys section, and

      the display section and the function keys section are  
15 arranged between the first speaker section and the second speaker  
section.

7. A portable information terminal comprising a first body  
including a display section and a function keys section, a second  
20 body including a ten keys section, and a slide mechanism for  
coupling the two bodies slidably, wherein,

      each of the first body and the second body constitutes  
a thin and flat body where a dimension in height direction is  
larger than a dimension in depth direction, as well as the  
25 dimension in width direction is larger than the dimension in

height direction, and the thin and flat body has an outer appearance that the dimension in the depth direction becomes gradually thinner from one end to the other end in the width direction,

5           the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second body so that an entire body is in both the first state where the two bodies are overlapped, and the second state where the two bodies are extended,

          the first body includes a portion not overlapped in the  
10 first state at the thickest portion in the depth direction, and the portion not overlapped is arranged on the backside of the body,

          the second body includes a portion not overlapped in the first state at the thickest portion in the depth direction,  
15 and the portion not overlapped is arranged on the front side of the body,

          the first body comprises a camera unit provided in the portion not overlapped in the first state, and a first speaker section provided on the front surface of the body opposed to  
20 the camera unit,

          the second body comprises a second speaker section provided in the portion not overlapped in the first state,

          the display section and the function keys section are arranged between the first speaker section and the second speaker  
25 section in the first state, and

the ten keys section is exposed on the front surface of the second body in the second state.

8. The A portable information terminal according to claim 7,

5 wherein,

the second body is provided with an operation button of the camera unit along the width direction.

9. A portable information terminal according to claim 7, wherein,

10 the second body is provided with a battery which is detachably arranged on the backside.